RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 159

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE USAGE BLOCKS FOR WATER AND REDUCING THE BLOCK 1, BLOCK 2, BLOCK 3 AND BLOCK 4 USAGE RATES FOR WATER; REDUCING THE USAGE RATES FOR WASTEWATER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Utility Department has experienced substantial growth and an increased customer base;

WHEREAS, Brown and Caldwell, has on behalf of the County preformed a rate review, which provided a detailed analysis of the current and forecasted revenue sufficiency;

WHEREAS, the rate review determined that certain rate structure modification and rate component adjustment would provide sufficient revenues to meet the projected operating, capital and coverage requirements based on the funding program developed and used for the Series 2004 Bonds;

WHEREAS, the continuation of the County's high-growth rate is foreseeable in coming years;

WHEREAS, the continued growth allows utility's expenses to be spread over a larger base; and

WHEREAS, the County wants to continue to encourage conservation; and

WHEREAS, Section 35 (B) of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2001-25 gives the Board of County Commissioners the authority to modify all rates and fees at any time by Resolution of the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

- The County's water Block 1 range will change from 0-4,000 gallons per ERU per month to 0-5,000 gallons per ERU per month. The Block 2 range will change from 4,001-8,000 gallons per ERU per month to 5,001-10,000 gallons per ERU per month. The Block 3 range will change from 8,001-15,000 gallons per ERU per month to 10,001-20,000 gallons per ERU per month. The Block 4 range will change from greater than 15,000 gallons per ERU per month to greater than 20,000 gallons per ERU per month.
- Section 2. The Block 1 water rate shall be reduced 20.7% to \$2.49 per 1,000 gallons. The Block 2 water rate shall be reduced 28.3% to \$3.11 per 1,000 gallons. The Block 3 water rate shall be reduced 10.3% to \$5.24 per 1,000 gallons. The Block 4 water rate shall be reduced 3.6% to \$7.60 per 1,000 gallons.
- Section 3. The wastewater rate for Single Family, Multi-Family and Governmental accounts shall be reduced 12.4% to \$2.96 per 1,000 gallons. The wastewater rate for

Commercial/Industrial and Combination accounts shall be reduced 12.3% to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons.

Section 4. This resolution is effective as of July 1, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Bruce Maguire, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 6-16-05